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## WHY NOT?

As Mexico is not altogether certain of succeeding in her negotiations with German capitalists for a desired loan of \$50,000,000, it has been suggested at the Mexican capital that the money be obtained of the United States, not through individuals, but through the Government direct; in short, that the Government advance the money as an investment.

Several plausible, if not convincing, reasons may be advanced in support of the wisdom of this policy.

One is that so long as Mexico continues under heavy financial obligations to foreign powers, or the citizens of foreign powers, which amounts to about the same thing, so long will American interests in Mexico be likely to be endangered, politically as well as commercially, and the intimate relations which should subsist between the two countries remain unrealized.

Another reason is that the United States Government has the money to spare, and the placing of this loan would aid materially in a definitive settlement, for the time being, at least, of various conflicting theories and propositions as to the disposition of the surplus.

Still another reason is that Mexico would doubtless be willing to pay a high rate of interest for the use of the money, and, at the same time, furnish entirely satisfactory security for the repayment of the principal.

We do not believe that Congress is prepared to vote such a loan, and yet it is by no means an unreasonable or unbusiness-like scheme.

To believers in the manifest destiny of the American Republic it will certainly commend itself, for even assuming that we were never compelled to foreclose on the debtor and take her into the sisterhood of American States, the effect of thus coming to the assistance of our sister Republic in her financial straits, would unquestionably be to more closely cement the friendship of the two countries, make them more nearly one in aims and aspirations than they are ever likely to be otherwise, and put them upon enduring and immensely advantageous terms of intercourse.

It is as contrary to sound policy that Mexico should be suffered to go abroad for the replenishment of her exchequer as it is to permit any considerable portion of her trade to go in the same direction, when by every consideration of geographical contiguity, political sympathy, and social relationship, it ought to belong to the United States.

GENERAL GREELY gave us a feeble and somewhat amateurish imitation of a Dakota blizzard this morning. In the respect of being odiously disagreeable, however, it was an eminent success.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIES will report bills for the admission of Dakota, Washington and New Mexico. It may seem a little strange that Utah, which has much more than the requisite population, is not included in the list. But the question of the admission of Utah is surrounded with complications that do not exist in the case of any other Territory; nor does the fact that Utah comes to Congress with a republican Constitution, prohibiting the practice of polygamy and virtually saying to the Government, "Now you let us in, and we will not live up to the provisions of our organic statute," altogether relieve the Congressional mind from doubt as to the expediency of accepting these terms.

However honest and well-intentioned the Utah Constitutional Convention may have been in its action, it must be remembered that States are, or at least should be, sovereign over their own local affairs, and a State that is admitted on certain conditions, even when these conditions are suggested by itself, is not admitted on a plane of equality with other States. There is an element of doubt and danger and inconsistency in this matter, which, in the opinion of many of the best statesmen at the Capitol, have first rid herself of the odious institution that has so long kept up a barrier of strained relations between herself and the Government.

Much as the admission of Utah is to be desired, in view of her great natural resources and the general prosperity and thrift of her people, it is not difficult to understand why objections should be raised to the legislation asked for.

## CRUCIAL.

Marriage sometimes develops certain elusive features which Love was blind to.

A warty question—When will he come?

A charity hawl—Please, mister, gimme a cent!

After the Charity Ball:

Unpopular Girl: Did you have a nice time at the ball last night?

Popular Girl: Perfectly charming! I danced every set.

Unpopular Girl—Individually: Well, I did just the opposite.

P. G.: How do you mean?

U. G.: I set every dance.

Sleigh bells—Pretty girls.

The affair at the Armory last night was in the nature of a snow ball.

At the ball—Clarity unconceals a multitude of—

On Society's Edge:

First Citizen: I heard you had a surprise party at your house last night?

Second Ditto: It's so; we did.

First Ditto: Many there?

Second Ditto: Only two.

First Ditto—surprised: Only two? What was the occasion of it?

Second Ditto: Twins.

In the Gloomings:

He—with emotion: Now, dearest, that you have accepted my proposal, let us seal it with a kiss.

She—in a business tone: What's the use? Your bid has been accepted and there's no need of sealed proposals.

At a Church Fair Bar:

She: Will you take me?

He—uneasily: Don't make me, please. I swore off when I was a kid.

The subjoined lines were recently received by a well-known Washington belle, accompanied by a cluster of violets. We may also add they were written by a young man:

I send you a violet, sweet,

Snatched from your dainty hand,

Far from the hum of the street,

Deep in the heart of the wood.

Ah, blue as the eyes I greet,

Breathing of beauty and good,

Fragrantly under thy hood,

Violet!

Thou beauteous maid discreet,

Where is the man that is meet,

Meet for thee, love as he could;

Yet I'll kneel at thy feet,

Fearing another one should,

Violet!

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION

## FRANKLIN INSURANCE COMPANY.

Of Washington, D. C.

At the close of December 31, 1887.

## RESOURCES.

U. S. Government Bonds, \$19,290.00

Bank stock, \$7,310.00

Stocks, \$100,000.00

Real estate, \$2,810.00

Real estate, \$10,000.00

Office furniture and fixtures, \$500.00

Prepaid interest, \$100.00

Collection, \$100.00

Cash in bank, \$7,098.84

\$201,480.79

## LIABILITIES.

Capital, \$125,000.00

Reserve, \$12,000.00

Surplus, \$154,480.79

\$201,480.79

## DIRECTORS.

Jas. L. Norris, Dr. Daniel B. Clarke, H. B. McCalla, Wm. H. Morrison, Chas. S. Bradley, J. H. Hill, Jos. H. Hill, C. Green, Alex. Porter, Messrs.

Secretary, J. Fenwick Young, Secretary, who made oath, in due form of law, that the above is a correct and true report of the condition of the "Franklin Insurance Company of Washington, D. C." on the 31st day of December, 1887.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of January, 1888.

BRENTON L. BALDWIN, Notary Public.

## STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

## NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Of Washington, D. C.

At the close of December 31, 1887.

## RESOURCES.

Real estate, \$204,187.77

District of Columbia, 5 per cent, \$6,000.00

Real estate, \$49,285.00

Office furniture and fixtures, \$623.78

Interest accrued, \$3,069.78

Cash in bank and company's office, \$4,940.40

\$208,705.96

## LIABILITIES.

Capital stock, \$100,000.00

Reserve, \$12,000.00

Surplus, \$156,705.96

\$208,705.96

## LOSSES PAID DURING THE YEAR.

NOBLE D. LARSEN, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of January, 1888.

THOS. H. YOUNG, Notary Public.

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